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SUBJECT: TODOROV VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. SUMMARY - SOVIET PRESS JUNE 5 REPORTS QUICK ONE-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW ON JUNE 4 BY BULGARIAN PREMIER STANKO TODOROV, FOR WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A REPEAT PERFORMANCE OF EARLIER JUNE 2 VISIT BY POLISH PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ, ALTHOUGH IN GREATER DEPTH AND WITH WARMER OVERTONES. END SUMMARY

2. AS DID JAROSZEWICZ, TODOROV MET WITH KOSYGIN AND GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN BAYBAKOV AND CEMO ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WAS REPORTED AS ONE ON MAIN ITEMS OF DISCUSSION. BULGARIAN TALKS, HOWEVER - UN-LIKE POLISH - ALSO INCLUDED POLITICAL INTEGRATION-"FURTHER DEVELOP-
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MENT OF COOPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPAL LINES OF

COMMUNIST PARTIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES". FURTHERMORE, ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS WAS NOT MERELY ONE OF "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" BUT ALSO HAD ADDED GLOW OF "FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP".

3. ACTUAL DISCUSSIONS MAY HAVE ACHIEVED ALL-TIME RECORD FOR ACROSS-THE-BOARD, HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL CEMA CONSULTATIONS DURING ONE WORKING DAY. PERUSAL OF JUNE 5 PRAVDA INDICATES THAT WHILE TODOROV WAS MEETING WITH KOSYGIN AND BAYBAKOV, BULGARIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE IVAN NEDEV MET WITH SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV; BULGARIAN CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS KALCHEV MET WITH HIS SOVIET OPPOSITE NUMBER S.A. SKACHKOV; AND BULGARIAN CHARIMAN OF COMMITTEE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS PAPAZOV, MET WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, V.A. KIRILLIN (HEAD OF SATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY). BULGARIAN DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDED GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN K. ZAREV, TWO GOSPLAN DEPUTY CHAIRMEN, R. DRAGANOV AND G. GEORGIEV, AND DEPUTY MINISTER FOR MACHINE CONSTRUCTION AND METALLURGY, A. ZAPRYANOV.

4. AS WAS CASE WITH JAROSZEWICZ VISIT, BULGARIAN SOJURN APPEARS TO BE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH FINAL APPROVAL OF BULGARIAN-SOVIET PLAN COORDINATION PRIOR TO JUNE 24 CEMA SUMMIT MEETING IN BUDAPEST. AS SUCH IT IS ALSO IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF BULGARIAN-SOVIET UNANIMITY. ALTHOUGH THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TODOROV'S VISIT AND PRESENCE OF NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG IN SOFIA (REF A), WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIBLITY THAT TODOROV BROUGHT BACK SOME SPECIAL, "FRATERNAL" MESSAGE FOR NORTH KOREANS ON HIS RETURN FROM LONG DAY OF VODKA, PEP TALKS AND EXPRESSIONS OF MUTUAL ADMIRATION.
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